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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION ON HAMILTON JORDAN AFFAIRS

1. MARCH 8 TRINIDAD GUARDIAN, INFLUENTIAL CARIBBEAN MORNING DAILY, 54,496 CIRCULATION, PUBLISHED PAGE 17, A THREE-COLUMN HENRY BRANDON STORY HEADLINED: "COCKTAIL THAT MADE WHITE HOUSE HEADS SPIN."

2. STORY, DATED WASHINGTON, RAN APPROXIMATELY 25 INCHES WITH PRESIDENT CARTER'S PIX. IT OPENED RECOUNTING BUSY WHITE HOUSE WEEK OF ACTIVITIES AND WENT ON "YET IN THE MIDST OF ALL THE WHITE HOUSE FOUND TIME TO ISSUE A 33-PAGE REFUTATION, INCLUDING SWORN TESTIMONY, OF ALLEGATIONS THAT HAMILTON JORDAN, CARTER'S UNOFFICIAL CHIEF OF STAFF, HAD DISGRACED HIM-SELF IN A WASHINGTON SINGLES BAR."

3. BRANDON REPORTED ON DETAILS OF THE JORDAN AFFAIR WHICH HE CREDITED TO THE WASHINGTON POST AND CONTINUED "TO TRADITIONALISTS, JORDAN IS AN INSOLENT SWAGGERER; TO REPUBLICANS A WELCOME TARGET TO WOUND THE PRESIDENT; TO FRIENDS A MAN HARD TO CONVINCE OF THE RISKS OF HIS UNCLASSIFIED

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BEHAVIOUR; TO THE WORLD AT LARGE THE EPITOME OF THE "GEORGIAN", SOMETHING MOST GEORGians RESENT."

4. THE STORY HOWEVER, REFERRED TO JORDAN AS THE "SECOND MOST POWERFUL MAN" IN THE WHITE HOUSE WHO HAS PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN MOUNTING A CAMPAIGN IN SUPPORT OF THE PANAMA CANAL TREATY."

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